

levees and encouraging property owners to evaluate their risk of flooding and also clarifies that the note shall not be considered a legal requirement of participation in the national flood insurance program;

**Pages H10988–89**

Walz (MN) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–351) that adds to the flood map modernization provisions of the bill a requirement that FEMA map areas in the 100-year floodplain that would flood if not for a “levee, dam, or other man-made structure”; and

**Pages H10989–90**

Stark amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–351) that requires written notification by first class mail to each property owner affected by a proposed change in flood elevations, prior to the 90-day appeal period; notification would include an explanation of the appeal process and contact information for responsible officials.

**Pages H10990–91**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

**Page H10994**

H. Res. 683, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 188 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 918, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 193 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 917.

**Pages H10946–53, H10955–56**

**Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 3567, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 923.

**Pages H10994–H11008**

Rejected the Walberg motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 922.

**Pages H11006–08**

Accepted:

Chabot amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–350) that establishes a bright line standard of majority stock ownership for determining whether a venture capital company is affiliated with the companies in which it invests;

**Pages H11004–05**

Inslee amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–350) that expands the definition of operational assistance in Section 351 of the Small Business Investment Act to include assistance to help small businesses achieve energy efficiency and implement sustainable practices that reduce the use of non-renewable resources or minimize environmental impact and reduce overall costs and increase health of employees; and

**Page H11005**

Inslee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–350) that directs the SBA Administrator to give consideration to investments for small businesses that are creating new technologies, manufactured goods, or materials, or providing services to reduce carbon emissions in the U.S., reduce the use of non-renewable resources, minimize environmental impact and relate people with the natural environment.

**Pages H11005–06**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

**Page H11008**

H. Res. 682, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 916, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 915.

**Pages H10944–46, H10954–55**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 3rd.

**Page H11009**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1st for morning hour debate.

**Page H11002**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–60).

**Page H11004**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H10941 and H11025

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2085 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Page H11025**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10952, H10954, H10954–55, H10955, H10956, H10991, H10993, H10994, H111007, and H11008. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **VIRGINIA RIDGE AND VALLEY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review H.R. 1011, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 20, amended, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; H.R. 2295, amended, ALS Registry Act; H.R. 507, amended, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007; H.R. 1727, amended, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act; H.R. 970, Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2007; H.R. 814, amended, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; H.R. 1699, amended, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 2474, amended, Product Safety Civil Penalties Improvement Act; and H.R. 1721, amended, Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

**SEC PROXY ACCESS PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "SEC Proxy Access Proposals: Implications for Investors." Testimony was heard from Donald Kirshbaum, Principal Investment Officer, Policy, Office of the Treasurer, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

**CREDIT RATING AGENCIES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "The Role of Credit Rating Agencies in the Structured Finance Market." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTERS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk held a hearing entitled "The Way Forward with Fusion Centers: Challenges and Strategies for Change." Testimony was heard from Ellen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Jack Tomarchio, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Mines, Deputy Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Todd Masse, Specialist, Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism; and John Rollins, Specialist, Terrorism, International Crime, Intelligence, and Homeland Security; and Norman Beasley, Coordinator for Counter Terrorism, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Arizona.

**SUNSHINE IN THE COURTROOM ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 2128, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Poe; Judge Nancy Gertner, U.S. District Court, Massachusetts;

Judge John R. Tunheim, District Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota and Chair, Committee on Court Administration, Judicial Conference of the United States; John Richter, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing entitled "Aquatic Nuisance Species and Activities of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force." Testimony was heard from Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Larry Riley, Assistant Director for Wildlife, Department of Game and Fish, Arizona; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 830, Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 2094, To provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; and H.R. 3111, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Alaska, George Miller of California and Moore of Kansas; Bill Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**CLIMATE CHANGE'S NATIONAL SECURITY IMPACT**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the National Security Implications of Climate Change. Testimony was heard from Kent H. Butts, Director, National Security Issues, Center for Strategic Leadership, U.S. Army War College, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS FUNDING**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on small business programs funding levels. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

**KENNEDY CENTER REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on

the John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Kaiser, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

#### VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Grant and Per Diem Program. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Peter Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and George Basher, Chair, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and Director, Division of Veterans' Affairs, State of New York; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—CIA ACTIVITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overview On CIA Activities. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; INTERIM REPORT; VOTING IN THE HOUSE

*Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Interim Report, required by H. Res. 611, Raising a question of the privileges of the House, to be filed with the House of Representatives by September 30, 2007.

The Committee also held a hearing on voting in the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Office of the Clerk: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; and Russell Gore, Legislative Counsel to the Clerk.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1241)

H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008. Signed on September 27, 2007. (Public Law 110–84)

H.R. 3580, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs. Signed on September 27, 2007. (Public Law 110–85)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of Federal Executive Boards in pandemic preparedness, 10 a.m., SD–342.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.